



Proposed Itinerary for:



5 DAY TOUR TO TASMANIA

DAY 1: Monday 15th April, 2024

Travel on Spirit of Tasmania

All passengers arrive at Corio Quay between 4.15pm and 5.15pm, for check-in, and board the **Spirit of Tasmania** for your journey to Devonport, from 5.15pm. 4 berth inside cabins have been arranged for your group.



The Spirit of Tasmania departs for Devonport at 6.45pm.

Overnight travel on the Spirit of Tasmania

From Corio Quay to Devonport Ferry Terminal

Duration of Stay: Overnight

Accommodation: Based on 4 berth inside cabins for students and a twin & single cabin for staff, with all linen and towels provided. Please note the Spirit of Tasmania is cash-less. They accept credit or debit cards only.

Meals provided today: All other meals at own expense

DAY 2: Tuesday 16th April, 2024

Devonport to Hobart

Arrive into Devonport ferry terminal at 6.00am, ready to disembark at 6.30am. Meet your Calows coach and driver here and begin your Apple Isle adventure! (*see note*).

Travel south to **Sheffield**, to view the famous murals. Continue via National Highway 1 to **Launceston**.

First stop is to the picturesque **Cataract Gorge** where you will take a one way ride across the gorge on the chairlift, and return via walking over the suspension bridge. You can also stop at **City Park** to see the Monkeys before a town tour and lunch stop (*see note*).

After lunch, travel south via the Midland Highway, via the town of Ross, and arrive into **Hobart**.

Spend the rest of the afternoon enjoying a **City Sights Tour** including such landmarks as Battery Point, Constitution Dock, and Brooke Street Pier. If weather permits, enjoy an amazing view of the city from **Mt Wellington** or **Mt Nelson**.

Check into the **Riverfront Motel and Villas** for your two night stay and enjoy dinner.

Address: 11 Strathaven Drive Rosetta TAS 7010

Phone: (03) 6272 6721

Duration of Stay: 2 nights

Accommodation: Based on multishare accommodation for students and single/twin share for teachers. Linen and towels are provided.

Meals provided today: Dinner only. Breakfast and lunch at own expense.

Note: Please speak to your driver re breakfast options as these could be breakfast at McDonalds in Devonport or the bakery in Sheffield. Your driver can also suggest lunch options in Launceston.

DAY 3: Wednesday 17th April, 2024

Hobart Sights

Enjoy breakfast at the motel. Please pick up your packed lunches prior to leaving.

Today's adventure heads south via the Huon Highway. Here you will visit **Hastings Caves & Thermal Springs** at 10.00am. Enjoy a 10.30am guided tour through the magnificent Newdegate Cave, one of the few caves in Australia formed from dolomite. The vast chambers of the cave began to form more than 40 million years ago. The guides will introduce you to the geology, history, fauna and unique features of the cave. This is followed by a relaxing swim in the Thermal Springs, fed by pure spring water which maintains a constant temperature of 28 degrees Celsius year round (*see note*).



It's then onto the famous **Tahune AirWalk**. Here the group will enjoy a 1 hour guided walk. The AirWalk averages heights between 20-30metres above the forest floor, with the very last section, the cantilever, sitting at a height of 50 metres above the river and is where you will get the best views. On the way up to the AirWalk you will encounter 112 gradual concrete steps with places to sit and rest.

It's then back to Hobart for dinner at the motel

Meals provided today: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Note: Newdegate Cave is a constant 9 C, summer and winter, there are 500 steps on the tour and students will also have to walk for about 5 minutes from the bus to the Cave entrance. It is recommended to bring a waterproof/windproof jacket and jumper, and suitable footwear.

Note: A pool towel and bathers are required for the swim in the thermal pools. A lifeguard is not included and the teachers need to supervise the students.

Enjoy breakfast at the motel. Please pick up your packed lunches prior to leaving.

This morning, head east via the historic town of **Richmond** to explore this beautiful and historic town. See the old gaol, view the historic bridge and wander through the quaint shops. Continue to Port Arthur travelling via the beautiful coastal road, seeing such sites as the **Devils Kitchen, Tasman's Arch, Tessellated Pavement and the Blow Hole.**

On arrival into Port Arthur, spend the afternoon at the **Port Arthur Historic Site**. Firstly enjoy a 1.30pm guided walking tour which takes students through several locations on site where they will hear stories of life in the convict settlement. You will be encouraged to discover the answers to some key questions, while also posing some questions of your own. The stops included are the Waterfront, the Penitentiary Precinct, the Hospital and the Separate Prison. After the tour, you can explore on your own, with your teachers.



Also enjoy a 3.00pm **Harbour Cruise**. This 30 minute harbour cruise, travelling past the Dockyard, the Isle of the Dead Cemetery and the Point Puer Boys' Prison. Your guide will provide commentary, introducing you to the significance of the maritime history of Port Arthur.

Later today check in for your overnight stay at the **Port Arthur Holiday Park (PAHP).**

Tonight, return to the Historic Site for dinner at the Café. This is followed by a Ghost Tour. Join your black-cloaked guides and venture out into the night by lamplight to hear vivid stories of strange occurrences and inexplicable sightings.

Address: Garden Point Rd, Port Arthur TAS 7182

Phone: 1 800 607 057

Duration of Stay: 1 night

Accommodation: Based on multishare cabin accommodation for students and twin/single share for teachers. All linen and towels are provided.

Meals provided today: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

This morning, enjoy breakfast in your cabins at PAHP.

Travel back to Hobart and head to the Hobart Airport to check in at 10.45am for your afternoon **flight home to Melbourne.**

JETSTAR AIRLINES

JQ704 DEPARTS HOBART AT 12.25PM/ARRIVES MELBOURNE AT 1.40PM

Arrive back at Melbourne Airport with a lifetime of memories! Own arrangements for transport back to school/home.

Meals provided today: Breakfast only. Lunch at own expense. A meal or snack may be provided on the flight.

THINGS TO NOTE:

Accommodation:

Your accommodation is based on multishare for students and twin/single share for teachers. All linen and towels are provided at both venues.

Meals:

All meals provided are listed in your itinerary and are provided by either the accommodation centre or a nearby venue. Any meals not listed will be at the groups own expense. Please note that no morning or afternoon teas have been included. If a packed lunch is provided, please note to pick this up after breakfast, to take with you.

Tours:

Any guided tours or education programs are listed in your itinerary, otherwise your visit will be a self-guided tour.

Items to bring:

Pool towel and bathers, Toiletries, clothing (such as jeans, jumper, jacket, tops, underwear, socks, pyjamas, and comfortable walking shoes). We also suggest a raincoat/umbrella for inclement weather, sunglasses, camera, games to play, earphones, and music device. Tasmania can be quite cold in Autumn therefore please ensure you have warm clothes, especially for the Ghost Tour.

Luggage:

You are able to bring along 1 bag per person, which can be a soft sports bag or a small suitcase, weighing up to 15kgs. We strongly recommend no metal framed bags, or bags with wheels, as these can damage other bags. You can also bring along one small bag to carry on the coach with you. This will need to be stored in your foot space, or in the luggage racks. If any luggage is too large or heavy, it will not be permitted on the coach. For the flight, the luggage limit for carry on is 7kg and must adhere to the size restrictions given by Jetstar (please see <https://www.jetstar.com/au/en/flights/baggage>). For checked baggage, please restrict this to the 15kgs, the same as for the coach.

For the Spirit of Tasmania, you may check in one bag or suitcase and take one carry-on bag on board (please see <https://www.spiritoftasmania.com.au/terms-and-conditions/conditions-of-carriage>). The carry-on baggage allowance is one medium bag or suitcase with the maximum dimensions of 66cm x 46.5cm x 27.5cm. No weight restrictions apply. We suggest a small carry on backpack with a change of clothes, PJ's and toiletries, with the main bag checked in.

Please note that no fruit or vegetables are to be carried on the Spirit of Tasmania. Please look through this link for further information on what you can and can't take into Tasmania <https://dpiwwe.tas.gov.au/biosecurity-tasmania/biosecurity/travellers-guide-to-tasmanian-biosecurity-what-you-can-and-cant-bring-into-tasmania>

Helping out:

We ask that all groups give a helping hand to the coach captain, to load and unload the coach, and to keep the coach clean inside. We suggest groups of 4 per coach for arrival and departure days to assist with luggage, as well as a daily group to help keep the coach free of rubbish.

Emergencies:

If there is an emergency on the tour, we strongly suggest contacting either the Police, Fire Department, or Ambulance – phone 000. The local Launceston hospital for your tour is **Launceston General Hospital**, located at Charles Street, Launceston TAS 7250, *phone (03) 6777 6777*. The local Hobart hospital for your tour is **Royal Hobart Hospital**, located at Liverpool Street, Hobart TAS 7000, *phone (03) 6166 8308*.